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SUBJECT: NORTH SEA OIL PRODUCTION EQUALS HALF
BRITAIN'S REQUIREMENTS

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ANNOUNCED ON JULY 28 THAT NORTH SEA OIL PRODUCTION DURING JUNE RAN AT AN AVERAGE OF 826,834 BARRELS A DAY. PRODUCTION AT THIS RATE IS EQUIVALENT TO AN ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF 40 MILLION TONS, APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF OF THE UK'S DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS.

2. ON THE SAME DAY MINISTER OF STATE DICKSON MABON STATED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT HE HAD AUTHORIZED OCCIDENTAL TO INCREASE OIL PRODUCTION FROM THE PIPER FIELD AS THE INCREMENTAL GAS FLARING WAS MORE THAN COMPENSATED FOR BY THE BENEFITS DERIVED FROM OIL PRODUCTION.

3. SECRETARY OF STATE TONY BENN ANNOUNCED IN A PARLIAMENTARY ANSWER ON JULY 27 THAT OIL PRODUCTION IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR EXCEEDED 17 MILLION TONS.

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4. IN ANOTHER PRESS NOTICE OF JULY 28 THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SAID THAT TOTAL INDIGENOUS ENERGY PRODUCTION IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1977 AMOUNTED TO 16.8 BILLION THERMS, NEARLY 20 PERCENT MORE THAN IN THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR. NORTH SEA OIL PRODUCTION, WHICH SHOWED AN ALMOST SIX-FOLD INCREASE, ACCOUNTED FOR MOST OF THIS RISE, ALTHOUGH GAS AND PRIMARY ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION

BOTH ROSE BY 3.9 PERCENT AND 15.6 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY.
TOTAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY FINAL USERS IN THE FIRST
QUARTER ROSE BY 0.6 PERCENT OVER LAST YEAR TO 16.9
BILLION THERMS, BUT DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION WAS 2.8 PERCENT
LOWER THAN IN 1976, DESPITE THE COLDER WEATHER THIS
YEAR. BREWSTER

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